

LAW ENFORCEMENT SPECIALIZED UNITS PROGRAM

Component: 50.20.161, 40.20.161

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

The Law Enforcement Specialized Unit Program assists law enforcement agencies in California to enhance or create specialized units to focus on the handling of violent crimes against adult women, including sexual assault, domestic violence, and stalking.

The funding supports enhanced investigation by specially trained officers, immediate victim advocacy, and agency-wide training for law enforcement officers. Thorough investigation leads to successful prosecution of cases, immediate victim advocacy provides victims with the support and resources to help disrupt the cycle of violence, and training assists departments in providing a consistent, effective, and compassionate response to victims of intimate partner or sexually violent crime.

FUNDS AWARDED

<u>Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Types of Funding</u>	<u>Total Funding</u>
FY 2008/09	Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) FFY 2002 Re-award	\$ 187,160
	Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) FFY 2008	\$ 1,138,840
FY 2009/10	Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) FFY 2009	\$ 1,326,000
FY 2010/11		Unknown

2008/09 PERFORMANCE STATISTICS*

<u>1,675</u>	New victims of crime served**.
<u>1,644</u>	Number of personnel who received comprehensive training which included: the dynamics of violence against women; understanding the concept of dominant aggressor; crime scene investigation; and officer safety.
<u>2,487</u>	Number of individual services provided to victims. Services include: civil legal advocacy/court accompaniment; civil legal assistance; criminal justice advocacy/court accompaniment; crisis intervention; hospital response; forensic exam; transportation; and language services.
<u>1,946</u>	Number of unsolicited attempts to contact victims for purposes of informing them of available services or providing information about the criminal justice system.

*Statistics above are for a six-month period, January 1 – June 30, 2009

** This is a new statistic for the 2008/09 FFY

2009/10 PERFORMANCE STATISTICS

Not Available

2010/11 PERFORMANCE STATISTICS

Not Available